

REMARKS

This After Final Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2009. In this After Final Amendment, claim 38 is amended, claims 40-49 are added and claims 9-12, 18-20, 26, 29-30, 36, 37 and 39 are canceled. Following entry of this amendment, claims 38 and 40-49 shall be pending.

In the Final Office Action, claims 9-12, 18-20, 26, 29, 30, 36, 37 and 39 have been rejected based on prior art grounds. For the reasons set forth below, these rejections are hereby traversed.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 102

Claims 9-12, 18-20, 26, 29, 30, 36, 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,330,481 to Van Wijik et al ("*The Van Wijik et al. Patent*"). Claim 38 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For at least the reasons set forth below, it is submitted that these prior art rejections should be withdrawn and the pending claims allowed.

In an effort solely to expedite prosecution of this Application, claims 9-12, 18-20, 26, 29, 30, 36, 37 and 39 have been canceled and claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of claims 36 and 37. The Applicant specifically reserves the right to pursue prosecution to the canceled claims in a related application.

Dependent claims 40-49 have been added to depend from claim 38 and therefore are believed to also be allowable. However, these claims further limit the claimed invention and thus are separately patentable over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that pending claims 38 and 40-49 are now in condition for allowance. Hence, an indication of allowability is hereby requested.

If for any reason direct communication with Applicants' attorney would serve to advance prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is cordially urged to call the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-2809.

Respectfully submitted,

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